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COMMISSION APPROVES PURCHASES OF LANDS FOR WILDLIFE REFUGES

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The Migratory Bird Conservation Commission has approved the proposed acquisition by the U. S. Biological Survey of additions to 21 refuges, in 18 States. The approvals apply to 101 proposed transactions involving 18,219 acres.

An addition of 6,180 acres to the White River Migratory Bird Refuge in Arkansas and one of 2,508 acres to the Delta Refuge in Louisiana were among those approved. Additions of more than a thousand acres each were approved for the Rice Lake and Tamarac Refuges, in Minnesota; the Hart Mountain Refuge, in Oregon; and the Bombay Hook Refuge, in Delaware.

Other refuges to receive additions, varying from 983 to 8 acres, include the following in order of size of additions: Valentine, in Nebraska; St. Marks, in Florida; Moosehorn, in Maine; Bitter Lake, in New Mexico; Union Slough, in Iowa; Long Lake, in North Dakota; Aransas, in Texas; Squaw Creek, in Missouri; Lower Souris, in North Dakota; Montezuma, in New York; Seney, in Michigan; Hutton Lake, in Wyoming; Ruby Lake, in Nevada; Willapa Harbor, in Washington; and Swan Lake in Missouri.

The Migratory Bird Conservation Commission includes the Secretaries of Agriculture, Interior, and Commerce; Senators Key Pittman, of Nevada, and Charles L. McNary, of Oregon; and Representatives Sam D. McReynolds, of Tennessee, and James Wolfenden, of Pennsylvania. Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace is chairman. Rudolph Dieffenbach, chief of the Biological Survey's division of land acquisition, is secretary of the Commission.

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